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gained by the introduction of vaccination a *colossal* protection, and if by any possible argument the small percentage of increase from scrofula, erysipelas, and skin diseases could be attributed to vaccination, the loss is outweighed more than three hundred-fold by the saving in the mortality from small-pox.

The British Parliamentary Commission will find in this pamphlet much food for reflection.

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#### THE SEMI-ANNUAL CENSUS OF CRIMINALS IN MINNESOTA.

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In Minnesota, under the direction of the Board of Corrections and Charities, of which Rev. H. H. Hart is secretary, a semi-annual prison census is taken, entirely different, it is believed, from any other prison enumeration in the country. An enumeration of all prisoners is made twice each year, in mid-summer and in mid-winter. No serious difficulties are met, and the results are regarded as satisfactory. The eighth of these censuses was taken December 31, 1891. A synopsis of the returns is published in order to show the method and the nature of the results. The total number of prisoners was 962, of whom 838 were serving sentence and 124 were awaiting trial. The number of prisoners awaiting trial is 50 less than the number December 31, 1890, and is the smallest number ever reported.

Of the 838 prisoners serving sentence 467 are state convicts and 371 are petty convicts, serving sentence in jails or workhouses. The number of state convicts is one less than a year ago, and only 25 more than the number at the close of 1885, so that the increase of state-prison convicts in the past six years has been less than 6 per cent.

The number of petty convicts is 80 more than it was a year ago, but most of this increase is found in the Minneapolis city workhouse, whose inmates have increased from 96 December 31, 1890, to 157 December 31, 1891. The number of inmates in the St. Paul city workhouse decreased from 194 December 31, 1889, to 118 December 31, 1891.

The total number of prisoners of all kinds in the state has increased 15 per cent in the past six years, and has decreased 6 per cent in the past two years. The prison census is shown in the following table : —

At Midnight.	Dec. 20, 1885.	Dec. 31, 1888.	Dec. 31, 1889.	Dec. 31, 1890.	Dec. 31, 1891.
Prisoners awaiting trial —					
In city and village lockups.....	62	52	49	38	33
In county jails.....	122	114	118	136	91
Total awaiting trial.....	184	166	167	174	124
Prisoners serving sentence —					
In city and village lockups.....	7	....	7	3	6
In county jails.....	96	71	70	63	88
In St. Paul city workhouse.....	105	146	194	124	118
In Minneapolis city workhouse...	....	117	126	96	157
In House of Good Shepherd.....	2	8	8	5	2
Total petty convicts.....	210	342	405	291	371
In state prison.....	442	421	354	329	336
In state reformatory.....	....	....	97	139	131
Total state convicts.....	442	421	451	468	467
Total serving sentence.....	652	763	856	759	838
Grand total number of prisoners...	836	929	1023	933	962

#### STATISTICAL ARTICLES IN MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS.

**Journal de la Société de Statistique de Paris.** April, 1891.

*Étude sur les placements faits à l'étranger par les différents peuples.*  
By M. Georges Martin.

M. Martin makes an elaborate study of the financial relations of various civilized nations, as shown by the Bourse quotations in their principal cities. Insomuch as the tables are concerned simply with the number and general classification of the securities quoted, the results obtained are exceedingly general, but have considerable value as showing the general direction of foreign investments in the several countries. The estimation of these debts in quantity would be rendered difficult by variations in the volume of coin in circulation; by the impossibility of obtaining complete data save by examination of the books of the great banking houses; and by the diversity of laws governing the admission of stocks and quotations. Even in this qualitative comparison the results are rendered misleading by reason of tax laws, and the consequent institutions of private bourses, as, for instance, the number of quotations on the Paris Bourse is largely